

- 3' Elytra not constricted or constricted only from lateral margin leaving no gap between elytra; elytra usually with oblique light markings..... 4
- 4 General body color a dull blue with violet on elytra and middle of pronotum (Brazil).....*X. alvarengai* Cobos
- 4' General body color dark bronze or aeneous..... 5
- 5 General color of head, pronotum and elytra bronze; elytral apices finely serrulate (Texas).....*X. hidalgoensis* Knull
- 5' General color of head, pronotum and elytra darker bronze; elytral apices more coarsely serrulate (Eastern United States, Texas).....  
.....*X. brendeli* Leconte

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### NOTE

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